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Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Patent Application:

- 1. Information Disclosure Statement (1 page)
- 2. Information Disclosure Citation PTO 1449 (1 page)
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized and is requested to charge all fees due under § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 07-1729.

Respectfully submitted,

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98, information relating to the above-identified application is hereby disclosed. Inclusion of information in this statement is not to be construed as an admission that this information is material as that term is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b). Copies of each of the Non-US Patent or Patent Application Publication references listed on the attached Form PTO Form 1449 are enclosed herewith.

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